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impediments, periodic comprehensive reviews are held and corrective measures taken.

World Heritage site—Hampi

*145. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has informed that Hampi would be deleted from the list of World Heritage Sites if steps are not taken to protect the ancient monuments;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Hampi has no facilities like regular transport for tourists; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. The World Heritage site of Hampi has been declared as an endangered site by the UNESCO in view of certain construction activities at the site, carried out by the Karnataka State Government.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Adequate transport and other facilities are available for tourists.

Release of funds for son-et-lumiere/floodlighting tourist destinations

*146. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released funds for son-et-lumiere floodlighting tourist destinations to make them more attractive;

(b) if so, the details of the funds released, tourist destinations, State-wise; and

(c) by when completion of the work is expected, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.